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THE ELBA SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY A. M., SEPTEMBER 2ND

Attendance Was Large And
Much Interest Was Man-
ifested; School Buildings
And Equipment Are In
Good Condition.

The Elba public schools opened very auspiciously Monday morning, Sept. 2, with appropriate exercises. The auditorium was packed to its full capacity with pupils and visitors, it being necessary to keep some of the lower grades downstairs for lack of space.

A pleasing feature was the large number of parents present, Prof. Dixon announcing that while there had always been a good attendance of mothers at past opening exercises, never before had there been so many fathers present as was the case Monday morning.

This augurs well for the success of the coming school year. After a few remarks by Prof. Dixon, Rev. E. B. Paul, pastor of the Methodist Church of Elba, invoked the Divine blessing, followed by the audience singing "He Leadeth Me."

Scripture Lesson by Rev. Paul. County Superintendent Rowe Watson was called upon, and responded with a few well-chosen words of encouragement to the pupils, teachers and parents. Among other things, he said that the three most important requirements for a school are, a school-house, pupils and teachers, and the most important of the three are the pupils, for while it is possible to have a school without a building and even without a teacher, unless there are pupils, a school is impossible.

Mr. Rowe assured his hearers that the county school board would give the Elba schools, as well as all the other schools in Coffee County, its fullest co-operation.

Prof. C. H. Byrd was called upon and he responded by thanking his hearers for the opportunity of speaking a few words of encouragement. He said that he had seen his privilege to spend the past summer at the University of Alabama, and that he had never before realized what an outstanding institution of learning it really is among the leading colleges and universities of the nation, and that he is proud to be a citizen of a state that has such a State University. Prof. Byrd was formerly county superintendent of education for Coffee.

Rev. E. B. Paul then made everyone present feel brighter and happier with his words of cheer and encouragement. He emphasized the fact that the boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, therefore, it behooves all of us to see that the young folks receive the best possible training—physical, mental and spiritual. His words were an apt illustration of what was meant in the biblical quotation: "And He continued to grow in stature, and in wisdom and in favor with God and Man."

Mr. O. A. Ellis, as a member of the city council, was called on and made a few brief remarks, expressing his great interest in the schools of Elba, and said that he believed the present school year would be one of the best Elba has ever had.

Chas. English and Levy Rowell, two former students of E. H. S., who have gone out to higher institutions of learning, made short talks. Charlie complimented the E. H. S. faculty by saying: "Although, like a chicken, you can't tell it by looking them in the face, they are really fine people." Levy was loud in his praises of the University of Alabama, of which he is a student.

Two members of the P.-T. A. spoke a few words, pledging that organization's hearty co-operation in making for better conditions in the schools.

Special demonstrations on Swift's Premium Hams and Maxwell House Tea will be held Sunday, and Jitney-Jungle's friends are cordially invited to visit the store during the day. Mr. Harper has also arranged some special prices for the day. Be sure to read the announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bonneau and children spent Sunday in Greenville with Mrs. Corinne Curenton.

Mrs. J. C. Helms and children, of Lakeland, Fla., have returned to their home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lee, Jr.

By the way, did I tell you that

WOMAN KILLED BY DISCHARGE OF GUN NEAR ZION CHAPEL

Mrs. Willie Pearl Calhoun
Accidentally Killed By A
Gun In Her Own Hands;
Supposed To Have Struck
It Against A Door.

Mrs. Willie Pearl Calhoun, of the Zion Chapel community in the Northern part of the county, died last Thursday night at her home from a gun shot wound sustained when the weapon she was carrying accidentally discharged, the charge entering her abdomen.

A. D. Calhoun, husband of the dead woman, made the following statement of the tragedy to a Clipper representative:

"I had picked cotton Thursday and returned to the house at night. After feeding the stock and attending to other chores, my wife expressed a desire to visit a neighbor. We were preparing for this visit when something disturbed the chickens. I got the gun and went to see what was after the chickens. I found them scattered about the place, but did not see anything. My wife followed me, and as we were returning to the house, she said that she would get a turn of stove wood. I told her I would get the wood and went to the fence and handed her the gun. She returned to the house and I heard the shot. Rushing to the house I found her in a kneeling position on the floor, and asked what she was doing. She told me that she was shot, and when asked how it happened said that the gun struck the door or something."

"I gave the alarm and asked for a doctor. She said a doctor could not do anything for her, that she was going to die. This all happened about 7:30 or 8:00 o'clock. She told me that she was ready to go, and not to take it so hard. She died at 9:25 o'clock that night."

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ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1929

New Brockton News

Brockton school will open Monday morning, September 9th, at 9 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend the opening exercises.

Mrs. M. R. Phillips and sons, Randall, Jr., and Earl, and Miss Robbie Sawyer, of Montgomery, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brock and children, Mrs. S. E. Polson and Misses Mattie and Winnie spent Sunday in Bonifay, Fla., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dowling.

Mary Polson, of Miami, Fla., is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones spent Wednesday last week in Texas, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. L. W. Shadgrove.

Dr. and Mrs. Killingsworth, of Brundidge, and Mr. and Mrs. Wood, of Chestnut Grove, spent several days here last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davenport, of Ozark, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Jones Sunday.

Mr. Elvin and Miss Cora Hayes are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. W. King, in Pinkard.

Tom Brock made a business trip to Andalusia on Tuesday last week.

Mrs. Edd. Byrd and children, of Ozark, spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones.

Mr. Sam Holly, who has been making his home in Wildwood, Fla., spent a few days here last week, the guest of Dr. Massey. He left here for Birmingham, where he will spend some time.

Rev. W. M. Bush, of Hartford, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church here Sunday night and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones for supper.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Mothershead made a business trip to Birmingham on Wednesday of last week, returning Thursday. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Donley while in the city.

Mrs. Lena Gunter, of Ozark, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Jones, this week.

Mr. Charlie Brock, of Montgomery, spent Sunday afternoon here, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Lena F. Brock. Monday being her birthday, he had a holiday party.

Mr. A. W. Peacock attended the funeral of Mr. John Harlin, at a lot of interest is being manifested right here in Coffee County.

Why not? Where they have been practicing this method of farming they are making a success of it. They have changed from a credit business to a cash basis. A lot of merchants are beginning to do business on a cash basis, but I don't see how they can expect to do so with a sufficient volume of business to make it profitable where the majority of the customers do not have anything to sell more than three months in the year. If each farmer would have, say five cows to sell cream from and 100 to 150 hens to sell eggs from, then he could have a pay day every week and buy for cash. Everybody knows the benefit of doing a cash business. Of course the hog raising feature of this program is necessary and profitable if properly handled.

The secret to the success of this program is growing plenty of feed. You can grow most of the feed needed. Some feed will have to be bought to make a balanced ration, but not enough to run the feed mill very high. Oats make fine grazing and a lot of feed cheap. It will soon be time to sow them. Sow them on good land and give them a chance.

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BRINGS IN BIG POTATO

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We want ten letters from citizens of the county telling why Elba is a good place for a creamery or a condensation. Won't you try

ELBA IS FAST OUT- GROWING ITS PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Enrollment For First Two
Days Shows Increase Over
Same Period Last Year;
Expected To Exceed 700
Before End Of Term.

For the first two days, Monday and Tuesday, the enrollment at Elba's public schools was as follows:

High School.....218
Grammar School.....297

Total.....515

Last year the highest number of pupils enrolled in the high school at any time during the year was 228, and as that figure is only 10 more than were enrolled the first two days this year, there is no doubt but that the high school enrollment will soon far surpass that of last year. What is true of the high school also holds good in the grades. Already the buildings are filled almost to overflowing with pupils, and it will only be a matter of a short time until school room in Elba will be at a premium.

Prof. Dixon, the principal, has notified The Clipper that it might just as well start right now to warning the citizens of Elba school district that another school building will have to be built to care for the growing needs along this line.

What a rebuke to those timid souls who threw up their hands after the flood last March and prophesied that nobody would ever live in Elba any more. No more conclusive proof that Elba has come back with a "bang" could be had than the fact that already only six months after our great disaster, Elba has outgrown its public facilities.

It is easy for a city or community to make all kinds of population claims, but school enrollment is irrefutable evidence.

Prof. Dixon says he expects the total enrollment to pass the 700 mark before the term is over.

Why Not Renew Cow
Hen And Sow Program?

A great deal is being said about the poultry and dairying industry in various sections of the country, and a lot of interest is being manifested right here in Coffee County.

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Montgomery Circuit Won Grand Prize At N. Orleans

Mr. Drayton Smith, representing the Elba L. G. A. story, returned last Wednesday night from New Orleans, where he attended the I. G. A. convention.

Mr. Smith reports a wonderful meeting and a very enjoyable trip. He is especially proud of the fact that the Montgomery circuit, of which Smith Brothers' store is a member, carried off the highest honor. The "Montgomery Monarch" were awarded the banner as champions of the Southern League, for having the highest member average of all the Southern circuits. They defeated all the other circuits in Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas for the supreme honors awarded at the convention.

The convention was held in the Crescent Theatre, where a real I. G. A. store was shown on the stage, showing first, one operated by a local member and then one after he had been awakened by two days' schooling by his supervising salesman, the I. G. A. store superintendent, and the I. G. A. store salesman, and his transformation into a real I. G. A. store, operated on a cash and carry basis.

Mr. Smith reports that a spirit of optimism prevailed among the thousands or more members in attendance, and that he received much valuable information and instruction at the meeting.

Elba Proves Good Samaritan To Wayfarer

A stranger was on his way from Montgomery to Savannah, coming into Elba late Monday afternoon. He came with a traveling man who had another way from Elba, and he decided to stay over in Elba Monday night. A little tool box and 55 cents constituted his possessions. He must go to Savannah to his wife and seven children, some of whom were sick and all needing money and support from husband and father. He was an epileptic, sitting all alone on a board bench in front of Patrick & Clark's store about dark, he was seen to fall forward on his face upon the pavement. He did not arise, and when persons standing near saw his situation, they rushed to him, called a doctor, treated him, placed him up on a cot and he was revived so that he could tell a stammering and sorrowful story.

He had been to Montgomery to see his son in service of the government at Maxwell field. The condition of his family back in Savannah was calling him home for their relief. He was no beggar. He said he hoped to use his fifty five cents to buy something to sustain him until he could get home. He had carried his tool box to the Post Office and left it and walked up the sidewalk where evidently he was compelled to stop for rest and where he fell lifeless upon the pavement, bleeding and stiff with epilepsy. No one knew him in Elba.

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EXCELLENT BOXING CARD IN PROSPECT AT TONIGHT'S SHOW

Some of Elba's Favorites Are
Scheduled To Furnish A
Program Of Bouts That
Assure A High Class Entertainment.

Fight fans in this section are all agog in anticipation of the boxing program that has been prepared for the city arena tonight (Thursday). The large crowd that attended the last show, two weeks ago, were so loud in their praise of the exciting bouts put on, that there is a sure to be even a larger outpouring of Elba's lovers of good, clean boxing tonight, than crowded about the arena two weeks ago and witnessed about 2 hours of a spirited milling as one ever is privileged to see.

Some of the topliners for tonight's card are as follows:

Haddock versus Heath, Ellis versus Simmons, Tente versus Kushing, Robb versus Basso.

Several other bouts are being arranged and there will be nothing lacking in the way of a good, full program.

Most of the above named fighters have demonstrated their fine abilities before Elba's fight audiences and need no introduction. Their names on a boxing card is a guarantee of plenty of fast, poppy milling, with no dull moments.

The show tonight, like its predecessors, will be free to all, but there is necessarily considerable expense attached to any entertainment of this kind, and everyone is asked to contribute as liberally as possible to help defray expenses.

Quite a large number of out-of-town visitors have signified their intention of being present at tonight's show.

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